AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Currently amended) A titanium binding peptide comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Currently amended) [[The]] A titanium binding peptide according to claim 5, comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 2-wherein the 2nd lysine is substituted by alanine.
- 7. (Currently amended) A titanium binding peptide comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Currently amended) [[The]] A titanium binding peptide according to claim 8, comprising any one of the amino acid sequences shown in of SEQ ID NOs: 4 to 14, wherein the 1 to 5th and 7 to 12th amino acid residues are substituted by alanine, respectively.

- 11. (Currently amended) [[The]] A titanium binding peptide according to claim 8 or 9, comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 15, wherein alanine is added/inserted to the N terminal of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 12. (Currently amended) [[The]] A titanium binding peptide comprising any one of the amino acid sequences shown in of SEQ ID NOs: 16 to 24.
- 13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Currently amended) A titanium binding peptide comprising <u>any one of the [[an]]</u> amino acid <u>sequences of shown in SEQ ID NOs:</u> 25 to 38.
- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Currently amended) The titanium binding peptide according to <u>claim 3</u> any one of <u>claims 2 to 5</u>, being chemically modified.
- 17. (Currently amended) The titanium binding peptide according to <u>claim 3</u> any one of <u>claims 2 to 5</u>, wherein titanium is <u>a</u> metal titanium, <u>a</u> titanium alloy or <u>a</u> titanium dioxide.
- 18. (Currently amended) A titanium-peptide complex, wherein the titanium binding peptide according to claim 3 any one of claims 2 to 5 is bound to titanium.
- 19. (Currently amended) An artificial titanium binding protein being a conjugate of comprising the titanium binding peptide according to claim 3 conjugated any one of claims 2 to 5, with a functional peptide or a functional protein.
- 20. (Original) The artificial protein according to claim 19, wherein the functional peptide or the functional protein is a peptide or a protein that cooperates with a titanium binding peptide to form a two-dimensional crystalline by self-assembly.
- 21. (Original) The artificial protein according to claim 19, wherein the functional peptide or the functional protein is a peptide or a protein comprising a peptide sequence having a cell-recognizing ability such as cell adhesion ability.

- 22. (Previously presented) A titanium-artificial protein complex, wherein the artificial protein according to claim 19 is bound to titanium.
- 23. (Currently amended) A titanium binding chimeric protein being a conjugate of comprising the titanium binding peptide according to claim 3 conjugated any one of claims 2 to 5, with a labeled substance, [[or]] a peptide tag, or with a conjugate with a nonpeptide compound.
- 24. (Original) A titanium-chimeric protein complex, wherein the chimeric protein according to claim 23 is bound to titanium.
- 25. (Currently amended) A titanium binding phage expressing the titanium binding peptide according to claim 3 any one of claims 2 to 5 on the particle surface.
- 26. (Original) A titanium-phage complex, wherein the phage according to claim 25 is bound to titanium.
- 27. (Cancelled)
- 28. (Cancelled)
- 29. (Cancelled)
- 30. (Cancelled)
- 31. (Original) An implant material comprising the titanium-artificial protein complex according to claim 22 as an active ingredient.
- 32. (Currently amended) A silver binding peptide comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 33. (Cancelled)
- 34. (Cancelled)

- 35. (Currently amended) [[The]] A silver binding peptide according to claim 34, comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the 2nd lysine is substituted by alanine.
- 36. (Currently amended) A silver binding peptide comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 37. (Cancelled)
- 38. (Currently amended) The silver binding peptide according to <u>claim 32, 35 or 36</u> any one of claims 32 to 34, being chemically modified.
- 39. (Currently amended) A silver-peptide complex, wherein the silver binding peptide according to <u>claim 32</u>, 35 or 36 any one of claims 32 to 34 is bound to silver.
- 40. (Currently amended) A silver binding artificial protein being a conjugate of comprising the silver binding peptide according to claim 32, 35 or 36 conjugated any one of claims 32 to 34, with a functional peptide or a functional protein.
- 41. (Original) A silver-artificial protein complex, wherein the artificial protein according to claim 40 is bound to silver.
- 42. (Currently amended) A silver binding chimeric protein being a conjugate of comprising the silver binding peptide according to claim 32, 35 or 36 conjugated any one of claims 32 to 34, with a labeled substance, [[or]] a peptide tag, or with a conjugate with a nonpeptide compound.
- 43. (Original) A silver-chimeric protein complex, wherein the chimeric protein according to claim 42 is bound to silver.
- 44. (Currently amended) A silver binding phage expressing the silver binding peptide according to claim 32, 35 or 36 any one of claims 32 to on the particle surface.
- 45. (Original) A silver-phage complex, wherein the phage according to claim 44 is bound to silver.

- 46. (Cancelled)
- 47. (Cancelled)
- 48. (Cancelled)
- 49. (Cancelled)
- 50. (Currently amended) A silicon binding peptide comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 51. (Cancelled)
- 52. (Cancelled)
- 53. (Currently amended) [[The]] A silicon binding peptide according to claim 50, comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the 2nd lysine is substituted by alanine.
- 54. (Currently amended) A silicon binding peptide comprising an amino acid sequence shown in of SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 55. (Cancelled)
- 56. (Currently amended) The silicon binding peptide according to <u>claim 50, 53 or 54</u> any one of claims 50 to 52, being chemically modified.
- 57. (Currently amended) A silicon-peptide complex, wherein the silicon binding peptide according to claim 50, 53 or 54 any one of claims 50 to 52 is bound to silicon.
- 58. (Currently amended) A silicon binding artificial protein being a conjugate of comprising the silicon binding peptide according to claim 50, 53 or 54 conjugated any one of claims 50 to 52, with a functional peptide or a functional protein.
- 59. (Original) A silicon-artificial protein complex, wherein the artificial protein according to claim 58 is bound to silicon.

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60. (Currently amended) A silicon binding chimeric protein being a conjugate of comprising the silicon binding peptide according to claim 50, 53 or 54 conjugated any one of claims 50 to 52, with a labeled substance, [[or]] a peptide-tag, or being a conjugate with a nonpeptide compound.

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- 61. (Original) A silicon-chimeric protein complex wherein the chimeric protein according to claim 60 is bound to silicon.
- 62. (Currently amended) A silicon binding phage expressing the silicon binding peptide according to <u>claim 50, 53 or 54</u> any one of claims 50 to 52 on the particle surface.
- 63. (Original) A silicon-phage complex, wherein the phage according to claim 62 is bound to silicon.
- 64. (Cancelled)
- 65. (Cancelled)
- 66. (Cancelled)
- 67. (Cancelled)
- 68. (Cancelled)
- 69. (Cancelled)